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Suspect in Hostage Standoff Charged with Attempted Murder of Police Officers

A 45-year-old Inglewood man suspected of shooting and injuring a police officer during a hostage standoff in Inglewood last week was charged today with multiple counts of attempted murder of a peace officer, kidnapping and child abuse, the District Attorney's Office announced.

Christopher Warsaw (dob 7-19-68) is scheduled to be arraigned after 1:30 p.m. today at the Los Angeles Superior Court, Inglewood Branch, in Department 5. He was charged in case YA088998 with 26 felony counts, including 10 counts of attempted murder of a peace officer or firefighter, 10 counts of assault on a peace officer with a semiautomatic firearm, one count of kidnapping, one count of child abuse, two counts of false imprisonment of a hostage, one count of possession of a firearm by a felon and one count of making criminal threats.

Warsaw was arrested Nov. 27 after allegedly holding his girlfriend and her daughter hostage for more than eight hours inside a residence in the 10700 block of 5th Avenue, authorities said. During the standoff, Warsaw allegedly opened fire on police, shooting one Inglewood officer in the chest. Police said the officer was saved by his bulletproof vest.

Deputy District Attorney Mary Murray with the Crimes Against Peace Officers Unit is prosecuting the case.

If convicted, he faces up to life in prison.

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